#### WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1899.

# CAPTURED A STRONGHOLD

American Troops Rout Six Hundred Filipino Insurgents.

A Position Northeast of San Mateo Reported to Be Impregnable, Taken by Colonel Lockett-Twentfour Prisoners, One Gun, Forty Rifles, and Many Stores Secured.

General Otis cabled the War Department today of the engagement of a large force of American troops with 600 insurgents who were strongly entrenched on a mountain beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo, in which the enemy was again routed with heavy loss.

Colonel Lockett, with the Eleventh Volunteer Cavalry, Colonel Schuyler, with two battalions of the Forty-sixth Infantry, Colonel Dorst with one battalion of the Forty-fifth Infantry and a company of the Twenty-seventh Infantry, and Captain Van Duesen, with two guns, composed the attacking force.

A large number of the enemy was killed and wounded, and 28 captured, one gun, forty rifles, and a large amount of ammunition and military stores were also capt-

The fortifications taken by the Americans had up to the light been considered impregnable. The casualties were: Lieutenant Enslow,

The casualties were: Lieutenant Enslow, of the Eleventh Cavalry, and five enlisted men, wounded; Private Matson, of the Forty-fifth Infantry, was drowned; Gen-Otis' despatch is as follows:
"Colonel Lockett, with his regiment, two battalions of the Forty-sixth, Colonel Schuyler commanding; one battalion of the New York Charles of the Colonel Schuyler Commanding; one battalion of the New York Charles of the Charles of the Colonel Colone

Forty-fifth Colonel Dorst, and one company. Twenty-seventh Infantry, with two guns. Captain Van Duesen, attacked the enemy, 600 strong, on their mountain stronghold, beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo. A large number of the Insurgents were killed and wounded. Twentyfour were taken prisoners.

Lockett captured one cannon, forty tiflex, 20,000 rounds of ammunition, 500 pounds of powder, argental fortifications, all food supplies, and considerable other property. This captured point is located on mountain trail, and was formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties are Lieutenant Erslow, Eleventh Cavalry, and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slight Private Matson, of the Forty-fifth Infantry,

#### ANOTHER OFFICER KILLED.

Flest Lieut, Edward R. Taylor Run Over by a Train in Luxon.

General Otis cabled Secretary Root today, announcing the death of First Lleut. Edward R. Taylor, of the Twelfth Infantry, who was run over by a train at the Agno River mossing December 26, at Bantista.

Lieutenant Taylor was born in 1871, in Illinois and was appointed to West Point in 1889, from Idaho. He graduated in 1893. From that time to 1898, he was with his regiment in Dakota and Nebraska. He went with his regiment to Cuba and was in the San Juan Hill fight.

#### SHOT HIS WIFE BY MISTAKE. Serious Error Caused by a Husband's

Fenr of Burglars. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 28.-Prof. Alfred Morrison, a teacher of languages, at an early hour this morning mistook his wife for a burglar, and fired a shot at her with a 44-calibre revelver. The bulks entered the left shoulder, and lodged near the lung on that side. Coroner Archibald T. one, and fears that It may result in Mis Morrison's death.

Prof. and Mrs. Morrison live at 225 South Tenth Avenue Recently the prof.ssr. complained to Chief of Police Foley that a burglar had stolen his overcost. He purchased a 44-calibre revolver, and said that he would give the next burglar that at-tempted to enter his home a surprising re-ception. Every night he slept with the weapon under his alllow. Loss night after they had retired. Mrs. Morrison arose to care for her buby, which was iii. Her humband, hearing her moving about the room in the darkness, awoke, and seeing as shadow near the door, drew his revolver and fired. Following the shot there was a woman's scream: "Oh. Al," she exclaimed, you have shot me." Then she reeled and mous leters, warning certain whites that fell bleeding upon the floor, Morrison sprang from his bed and found his wife lying unconscious in a pool of blood near

Physicians were hurrisdly summoned, Mrs. Morrison begged that her husband should not be taken into custody. She thought he must have been dreaming about burglars, and that he awoke so suddenly that he fired the shot without making ar investigation. Morrison is nearly dis-tracted with grief. "It was a terrible mistake," he said this morning, "and if my wife should die, I fear I will go mad."

#### BANK STOCK DEALS DENIED. Contradiction of Reports of Share

Transfers. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.-It was reported from New York last night that S. M. Nick. erson, at the time he sold his First National Bank stock, disposed of 3,000 shares to J. P. Morgan, James Stillman,, E. H. Harriman, and Biair & Co., all of New York, James B. Forgan and John J.

Mitchell denied the report. "The story is without foundation," said Mr. Forgan, vice president of the bank. to any New Yorkers, and no man outside of Chicago has a word to say about the management of the First National. positively own more stock than all of the stackholders combined. When Mr. Nickerson's stock was sold a short time ago the names of the buyers were announced and all but two were Chicagoans. James Stillan and J. P. Morgan were the only eastern purchasers, and they took small lots for investment. The Rockefellers do not own any of the First National stock and have not a dollar on deposit with us

# France's Naval Programme

PARIS, Dec. 29. - Premier Waldeck-Rousseau, General Gallifet, Minister of War, and M. Lanessan, Minister of Marine, held a conference today and approved the naval programme, which is believed to include the building of twelve of the most powerfully built ships affoat. An expense of 400,000,000 francs for the navy is contem

Donath Honorably Discharged. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-Herman W. Donath, who was arrested recently on a charge of swindling a hotel, has been honorably discharged after a trial in the court

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K.

#### ENGLISH SHIPS ON WATCH.

to Prevent Filibusters Fron Entering Cauada.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29.-Report was current last evening that two ships of the British North American squadron now at Bermuda, would be detailed for patrol duty on South and North Atlantic coasts, to watch for filibusters from the United States. Correspondents who called at the dock yard were told that none of the officials could positively impart information to the public while England was at war.

Information was gleaned that the fleet at Bermuda had received cable instructions but nothing could be learned beyond the fact that if the United States Government failed to prevent any vessels from violating the neutrality laws vessels would be despatched from the North Atlantic squad-ron to patrol the North and South Atlantic American coast, to keep watch for any craft conveying contraband of war for use

#### MR. BOUTELLE RESTING EASY. Hopes of a Recovery From His Seri-

ous Illness. BOSTON, Dec. 29.-Representative Boutelle, who is at McLean Hospital, in Waverly, Mass., suffering from an attack of congestion of the brain, was repo ted this morning as resting a little easier than he has for several days. He was able to s'eep the greater part of last night, which is a most encouraging sign.

Members of his family, who are staying with him at the institution, entertain hep s that he will recover from his illness, and their efforts to avoid publicity are extince in the recover from his illness, and their efforts to avoid publicity are extince is that the enemy is saying men by plained by their desire to prevent the pubforming perhaps unwarranted

#### FOX TERRIER HELD A THIEF. Had Robbed the Till When Dog Seized His Leg.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Bismarck is a fox errier with sharp teeth and a discriminating eye. For an hour every evening he keeps shop for his master, Louis Brochfeld, butcher, of 520 Fifth Street, while the latter is eating his dinner at his bome in the

Last night Brochfeld's dinner was suddealy interrupted by a commotion in front. Rushing out, he found a man making desperate efforts to get out of the door. Bismarck was holding him by the calf of his

Brechfeld grabbed the man, whose hands were full of bills. While Bismarck guarded the prisoner, Brochfeld found that his till had been opened and \$25 stolen. He turned the man over to Policeman Papp, who lock-ed him up at the Fifth Street station. He said he was Samuel Greenberg, eighteen years old, a clerk, of 146 Howery

#### A PROMINENT PAPER FOR SALE. The Philadelphia Record Open to a

Purchaser. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.-The "Phila-

clphia Record" will be sold for the benefit of the creditors of the late William M. Singerly. The announcement of Comptroligr of the Currency Dawes to that effect was made public in this city today,

Mr. Dawes briefly admits that Mr. Singerly's paper is at present earning \$300,000 nounces that "the paper will be sold to satisfy all claims against it." It is said satisfy all claims against it. It is said the paper should bring from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 at public sale. The sale will be advertised for sixty days in all the large cities of the United States.

# MILLIONS IN TINPLATE.

The National Company Greatly Increases Its Capital.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.-The Nation al Tinplate Company increased the nomi-Banning was called, and took the wounded tal capital of \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. J. C. woman's ante-morten statement. In it McDowell, of the Philadelphia company, she exonerated her husband from all blame.

The coroner says the wound is a dangerous board of directors: Former Governor ator N. E. Whittaker, of Wheeling W. Va.: W. H. Rogers, of Wheeling, and A. B.

been clearly defined. I took up the Rogers process several years ago, erected an experimental plant in Bellefonte, and know simplifies the manufacture of simplate.

# SERIOUS SAMOAN THREATS.

Whites Warned of Murderous De. signs by Natives.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Dec. -Passengers on the steamship Nineyeli say Samoan natives have written anonynatives were going to murder all the Europeans, one at a time.

The warning is given significance by the

act that R. Cornwall, the richest man on he islands, has been found dead in bed. saving been murdred by natives.

#### ICE OBSTRUCTS COMMERCE. An Express Office in Albany Closes

for the Winter.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.- The local office of the United States Express Company was forced to close for the winter yesterday. The reason for this is that the river is closed by ice, and the company had no means of getting its goods out of Albany, The American and National express companies have contracts with all the lines of railroad leaving Albany, and consequently the United States could not get service on

any of them.
Senator Platt is the president of the United States Company.

Fatal Train Collision in Colorado. PALMER LAKE, Col., Dec. 29 .- A Colorado Midland passenger train, north bound and a Santa Fe freight train had a head-There has been no large transfer of stock | end collision two miles south of this place. Fireman Edgar Jones, of the Santa Fe train, was killed and Engineers Leavitt I and Burke seriously hurt. No passengers he were injured. The cause of the collision is not reported.

> Declines to Be Commissioner. FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 29.-Thomas S Pettit declined the place of election commissioner on the Goebel board and Morton K. Gontz, of Muhlenburg county, was

> The Scorpion at Cartagens. COLON, Colombia, Dec. 29.-The gunboa Scorpion, with the surveying commission on board has arrived at Cartagena. Her commander reports all well on the gun-

A Veteran Dies Suddenly. Coroner Carr was today notified of th

leath of Michael Earley, a former soldier and pensioner, at the home of James Thornton, 3228 Sherman Avenue northwest The death occurred at 7 o'clock this morning and is thought to have been du to heart disease. \$1.25 to Baltimore and Reteura vis

B. & O. Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and 31, good for return until lowing Monday. Tickets good on all trains cept Royal Limited.

Their Fortifications Valueless to Stop the British Advance.

Experts Declare the Dutch Have Worked Without Result-Can Be Avoided by Lord Roberts-The Bombardment of Mafeking-Few Official Despatches of Interest.

LONDON, Dec. 29.-Military men here, who are engaging in an analysis of every eport, official and otherwise, received from the bases of operations in South Africa, seem to have reached a consensus of opinion that, actuated by advices from the experienced German and Austrian officers serving in the Transvaal army, a decision has been reached that the turning point in the war will be reached in the vicinity of Colenso, As nearly as possible, it is admitted, the Boers are making a veritable Gibraltar of their defences in all directions about this place, the storming of which they regard as an almost forlorn hope on the part of the British.

This view, however, pertains to the situation as it stands at present. New strat. egy upon the arrival of General Roberts in South Africa may render the Boer entertime is that the enemy is saving men by keeping them within formidable defences. which if stormed by a British advance would inflict heavy losses upon the attacking party and permit of the employment of a formidable army of aggression to follow a repulse upon the Transvaal line of entrenchments

That the Boers are prospering on account of the delay is the opinion of millitary students of the present situation They are gathering recruits constantly and each day's postponement of attacks serves to increase their confidence.

The above impressions have a general existence, but there is none willing to deny that they possess a pessimistic shadow casy to be obliterated if the War Office would be more generous in expressing the official anticipations after Roberts arrives in the field and begins practical operations. A War Office despatch from Mafeking dated December 12, says: "There is a daiall sides. The health and spirits of the garrison are satisfactory.

A despatch from Cape Colony, delayed in transmission, says heavy firing was recently reported in the direction of Storm-

#### berg. TACTICS OF THE BOERS.

They Hope to Starve Out the Lady. smith Garrison.

LADYSMITH, Dec. 22—(Delayed in transmission).—The Boers have mounted a howitzer on Surprise Hill to replace the one captured by the Rifle Brigade some weeks net profits per annum. He further an- ago. They are strengthening their position on Lombard's Kopje and an adjacent hill. Apparently they do not intend to make another assault, but will attempt to starve out the garrison. There is an ample supply of provisions, bowever. General White is suffering from a slight

tack of fever.

The casualties since the siege began have

# been 70 killed and 235 wounded.

ALL WELL AT KIMBERLEY.

A Concert by Laucers in Camp at MODDER RIVER, Dec. 24-(Delayed in transmission).-In reply to a heliograph enquiry last night as to the health of the garrison, Kimberley signaled, "Thanks, all well.

The Ninth Lancers gave a concert last night. The camp was crowded, and there was great enthusiasm, especially during the singing of the national anthem.

# BRITISH FORTS CAPTURED.

A Report of Boer Successes at Kuru-LOURENCO MARQUES. Dec., 27-(Delayed in transmission).-It is reported that

Commandant Visser captured two British forts at Kuruman on December 17. It is not believed here that the reported

captures are of much consequence, even if the statement is confirmed by official advices of the report, which are yet to be

# Boer Sympathy in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.-The Irish-Americans of this city are about to enter an active campaign in favor of the Boers. The initiative has been taken by the Irish-13. The "call" says: "That the voice of the City of Brotherly Love and of Independence Hall shall ring out loud and clear in behalf of humanity and liberty, we invite our fellow-citizens to assemble with us, and especially to ask the aid of the German, French, Dutch, and Italian or ganizations.

Taxes on Mine Outputs. PRETORIA, Dec. 25-(Delayed in tran nission.-The government has imposed a tax of 30 per cent on the output of go'd mines worked by their owners and 50 per by his side. cent tax on the output of mines worked by the government. A tax of 30 per cent will be levied on suspended mines calculated on the output of three months' working. The

Flames in a Saw Works Plant. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.-Fire which started at 6 o'clock this morning in the plant of the E. C. Atkins saw works caused a loss of \$40,000. About half of the plant was destroyed and thousands of fine saws were ruined by the heat. The company will resume work within a week.

tax is retroactive, and will be operative

M. Cambon's Date of Return. PARIS, Dec. 29 .- M. Jules Cambon, the French Ambassador to the United States, will return to Washington on March 31.

A Defective Flue Causes a Fire, A defective flue caused a fire at the home of Helen Anderson, 228 Delaware Avenue southwest, shortly after noon today. The damage resulting amounted to \$165, fully covered by insurance. The property is owned by Daniel Rollins. No. 4 Engine Company responded to a local alarm and extinguished the fire.

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co Delightful trips daily at 6:39 p. m. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. For schedule, see page 7,

# THE LAWTON FUND.

More Than Three Thousand Dollar Added to It Today.

More than \$3,000 was added to the Law ton home fund cash subscription today. making a total of \$30,525.10 received by General Corbin, an increase of \$3,772.50 over the sum received yesterday.

The newspapers of various cities con tinue to send in encouraging accounts of the growth of the funds in their localities. The first Chicago installment was received today. It was a check for \$1,122, and several thousand dollars more will follow The Bankers' Trust Company of New York vesterday added about \$500 to the fund being raised by it, and other advices show that the fund is safely beyond the \$40,000

Among the cash subscriptions received today were: Cash, Philadelphia, \$100; Chicago subscriptions, through Alexander H. Reveil, \$1,122; John E. Parsons, New York, \$100; E. C. Connerse, New York, \$100; Hon. James McMillan, \$100; W. L. Elkins, Philadelphia, \$500; daughter of Mr. Einstein of the "New York Press," \$100; Mrs. Elenor Martin, New York, \$100; Hon. Timothy O. Woodruff, New York, \$100.

# OVERCOME BY GAS.

Narrow Escape of a Family From Death.

WELLSBORO, Pa., Dec. 29 .- A curious ombination of gases almost wiped out the family of Henry Segars, at Westfield, Thursday night. Mrs. J. J. Hegmann, a neighbor, found Mrs. Segars and her daughter Bessie on the floor unconscious. Mr. Segars was ill in another room.

that to all appearances Mrs. Segars was suffering with paralysis, while Bessie's symptoms were those of epilepsy. It required six hours' hard work before they showed any improvement, and the doctor was also affected by the deadly gas. An investigation revealed that the chim-

ney leading from the natural gas stove had become clogged with soot, and that the water from the combustion had transformed the accumulations into a deadly, penetrating gas.

Mr. Segars, the first affected, was able to get to his room, but Mrs. Segars sud-denly fell off a chair, and this frightened Bessie an invalid who fainted. Neither had detected any peculiar odor.

#### ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

A Former Floor Walker Accused of Stenling a Pocketbook.

William Riordan, thirty-five years of age, who was formerly employed as a floorwalker in a local store, was arrested this ly bombardment and musketry firing from afternoon by Detectives Parham and Baur on a charge of larceny.

The arrest was made at Riordan's bome, 36 Myrtle Street northeast. He will be arraign in court in the morning.
Riordan is accused of the larceny of a
pocketbook containing \$3 in cash and a
pawn ticket for a gold watch, all the property of Mrs. Sarah Gibbons, of 318 Indiana Avenue northwest. She reported to the police on December 18 that her pocket had been picked while she was in the 5 and 10

ent store. Riordan was employed there at the time. Immediately after the robbery the police notified the pawnbroker, who had issued the lost pawn ticket not to honor it. In due time the ticket was presented and re-fused. Later another man, whom the pawhbroker and his assistants declare was Riordan, presented the pawn ticket with \$5.60, and attempted to redeem the watch pawned by Mrs. Gibbons. The police were again notified, and the arrest of Riordan followed. He denies

# contents and claims that he found it in the gutter in front of the store where he

that he stole the pocketbook or any of its

the disappearance of Mary Moran peyonteen years of age, from her home, 1345 K Street southeast. The girl started from her home to visit a friend in another part of the city late Christmas Day, and has

It was stated today that Jacob Banber living in Anacostia, who was employed as ty to a charge of arson when arraigned a driver by Mrs. Mary P. Walther, was still absent from home. Investigatio the disappearance of Max Schneider Investigation of baker, formerly employed at the La Fetra Hotel, corner Eleventh and G Streets northwest, has led to no fresh develop-

It has now been a week since Lawrence home, 2808 P Street, Georgetown. Frank Kane, forty-three years old, a member of Troop K, Third Cavalry, lo-ated at Fort Myer, Va., who left there ten days ago, has not returned to join his

It is said that the case of T. T. Duke whose brother came to this city yester-day morning to sarch for him, is still sur-American Club and a mass meeting will be held in the Academy of Music January 13. The "call" says: "That the voice of has been discovered upon which to base a successful search.

# Luck of Work Causes Suicide

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-Despondent beause he was out of work. William Snyder, twenty-eight years old, killed himself by hooting in his flat at 221 West Twentyfirst Street. Snyder lived with his wife Jessie, twenty years old, and her mother Mrs. J. W. Green, who are employed in manicure parlors on Sixth Avenue. they returned home last night they found Snyder dead on his bed. A revolver was

A Munificent New Year Gift. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.-Provosi C. C. Harrison, of the University of Penn sylvania, will give the university \$250,000 as a New Year gift. The money will be placed in the hands of the trustees to be used as they think best. When seen this morning Provost Harrison refused to say anything about his gift except that the cast would be paid to the trustees on Monday.

A Wholesale Grocery Burned. BURLINGTON, Iows, Dec. 29 .- The building and contents of the Biklen Winsor wholesale grocery were destroyed by fire today, entailing a less of \$150,000. The fg-

The Smallpox Cases Frederick Young, one of the patients a

the smallpox hospital, was discharged cured yesterday. Young was taken from the house in Shepherd's Alley about a month ago, nid was almost past the cris's of the disease when discovered by the Health Office Inspector. Two other cases have been traced to exposure to Young's case before the spread of the disease was checked. There are now four patients in the hospital, and three persons in the de-tention camp. Reports from both of these places, which are received by the Hra.ith Officer daily, state that all are doing as well as could be expected.

# WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION

The Official Programme Issued for New Year Day.

The Order in Which the President Is to Receive Distinguished Caffers. Cabluct Members and the Diplo. matic Corps to Lend the Supreme Court Justices, Senators and Others

The official announcement of the ar

rangements for the reception of callers at he White House on New Year Day was saucd by Secretary Porter this afternoon. The reception will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning, when the President will receive the members of the Cabinet and Dip lomatic Corps. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, the Judges of the Court of Claims, the Judges of the Court of Appeals, the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; former Cabinet members and forme United States ministers are to be received fifteen minutes later. Senators and Repreentatives, army and navy officers, the higher officials and heads of departments, veterans, and citizens will be received in the order named up to 1:39 o'clock in the afternoon. The reception programme is as follows:

The physician who was summoned found

afternoon. The reception programme is as follows:

1:50 a, m.—The members of the Cabinet; the Diplomatic Corps.

11:55 a. m.—The Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; the Judges of the Gourt of Apacilot the Judges of the Court of Calinus; the Judges of the Court of Papacilot the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; collaboration of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; collaboration of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; collaboration of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; 11:55 a. m.—Schators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress: the Commissioners and Judicial Officers of the District of Columbia.

11:40 a. m.—Officers of the Army, Officers of the Navy; Officers of the Marine Corps; Commanding General and general staff of the militia of the District of Columbia.

12:50 m.—The Regents and Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; the Commissioner of Fisheries; the Civil Service Commission; the Commissioner of Labor; Assistant Actoriess General; the Treasurer of the Civil Commissioner of Paristors; Comptroller of the Currency; the Brada of Bureau; the Spicitor General; Assistant Attorness General; the Treasurer of the United States; Commissioner of Paristors; Commissioner of Paristors; Comptroller of the Currency; the Brada of Bureau in the several Departments; the Brada of Bureau in the Several Columbia.

12:35 p. m.—The Associated Veterane of the War of 18:6-7; the Grand Army of the Republic; the Military Order of the Leval Legism of the United States; the United Veterane of the United States; the United States; the United States of the Columbia.

12:35 p. m.—Reception of Citizens, which will terminate at 1:20 p. m.

Carriages will approach the Mansion by the western gate and leave by the castern. Pedestrians will approach the Mansion by the western gate and leave by the castern. Pedestrians will approach the Mansion to the Warson and the southern cariance will be closed on New Year Bay.

The Secretary of th

The Secretary of the Navy has issued the the naval officers at the President's reeption Monday:

Officers of the Navy and Marine Corps in this city will assemble in special full-dress uniform, at the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department, at 11:30 a.m., Monday January 1, 1900, where they will proceed to the Executive Mandoon, to part their respects to the President of the United States.

# FILIPINOS MAY SURRENDER.

The Terms to Be Decided by Prestdent McKinley. Aguinaldo and the Filipino congress States branch, will exchange seats. through us, its representatives in this Judge Kimball will thereafter hold forth country, the Filipinos will lay down their in the upper court room and Judge Scott arms within the next month or two and will discove justice downwairs. many missing people.

Scores of Persons for Whom the Authorities Are Searching.

Nothing has been heard by the police of the missing people reported to the authorities within the past week. Today another mystery was called to the attention of the detectives when friends reported to the detectives when friends reported to the detectives when friends reported.

PLEADED GUILTY TO ARSON.

In the upper court room and Juage Sent will dispense justice downstairs.

It was formerly the custom of the judges to alternate every three months, but for the past year no change has been has sought by various methods to dispense when free points and the filipino edgress, who arrived in New York on Christmas Eve on the Campania, from Liverpool. He admits, however, that he has no authority from Aguinaldo.

PLEADED GUILTY TO ARSON.

PLEADED GUILTY TO ARSON.

S. Kent Admits That He Set Fire to His Store. Isnac S. Kent, the colored man arrested last night by Detectives Peck and Miller, charged with setting fire to his store, 17 Fourth Street northeast, at an early hour yesterday morning, entered a plea of guilbefore Judge Scott in the Police Court to-

day. The complainant against Kent was R. E. Sullivan, the local agent of the North western Insurance Company, who held the insurance on the property of the defendant. In view of the fact that Kent admitted Appler, twenty-two years of age, left his his guilt it was unnecessary to present evidence 2808 P Street, Georgetown.

Frank Kane, forty-three years old, a the man held in \$1,000 bond for the action member of Trees K Third Carelle la of the grand jury. In default of bond Kent was committed to jail.

THANKS FOR FIREMEN. hief Parris Receives a Pleasant Let. ter From J. E. Crampton.

Chief Joseph Parris, of the Pire Department, today received a communication from J. E. Crampton, of 722 Seventh Street southwest, extending thanks for the efforts of the firemen at a recent fire at his home. The letter, which is dated De-

cember 28, is as follows: "It is with feelings of the deepest gratiude that I address you to return than's to Foreman Kuhns and his men for their promptness and quick work done at my some on the morning of December 26 In extinguishing the fire that would have soon destroyed the entire dwe ling; also to the police officers, who awakened us, and u-el every effort to save the building until the department arrived. My family join me

# KREBS HELD FOR TRIAL.

The Alleged Dress-Cutting Barten

n these acknowledgements."

Max Krebs, twenty-four years old, em ployed as a bartender at the Saengerbund Hall, No. 314 C Street northwest, and who s suspected by the police of being "Jack the Cutter," was arraigned in the Police Court today on a charge of destroying private property, and through his attorney. Morris Smith, demanded a jury trial. He furnished bond to the amount of \$500 to worn out by M. O. Chance, of No. 20 R Street northeast, who alleges that the dress of his wife was cut by the defendant with some sharp instrument while she was in the act of boarding a Capital Traction car at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street Wedneaday evening. Mr. Chance says positively that he saw the man cut his wife's dress.

Krebs, who is an inoffensive-looking turn via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, De-ember 30 and 31, good to return until Mon-lay, January 1. All trains except Congressional

#### THE CABINET MEETING.

Cuba and Alaska Discussed by the President and Secretaries.

Alaska and Cuba were discussed at the Cabinet meeting today. Secretary Root reported at some length on the conditions of the military establishment in Alaska. He said that more troops would be sent to that Territory in the spring and that a large military post would be established at Cape Nome. Other important towns would be garrisoned. A number of the troops in Cuba would be brought back to this country to take the place of soldiers stationed at various posts, and the latter would be sent to Alaska. Secretary Wilson stated that his depart-

ment had conducted a large number of ex-periments in Alaska, and it had been found that many kinds of vegetables and plants could be profitably raised in that climate, and that there was abundance of would be made to promote agricultural in-terests in Alaska and that the condition of the people could be greatly improved by farming and stock raising.

that the people of the island appeared to that the people of the state of the co-operating with General Wood and across the left cheek just under the eye, that his recent appointments had given His assailant was Prosise, who wielded the general satisfaction. General Wood's achieft. The injury to Prosise was intions were approved of by the Cabinet.

#### DIVORCED IN A HURRY. Mrs. Albert Sidney Johnson Freed in

an Hour and a Half. grandson of the famous Confederate general was granted a divorce here vesterday

pers were filed.

thirteen-year-old son was given to the husband with the provision that the boy was to live with his paternal grandmother. Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Galveston, and the mother has the privilege of seeing him every other day.

This settles a case which created a great sensation here because of the unusual course adopted by the husband to keep possession of his child. Johnson represents in San Francisco a big New Orleans business house. Mr. Johnson's sister gave testimony in regard to the husband's cruelity, and the wife also testified that he beat her and treated her hadly in other ways. The defence offered no testimony and the wife was given a decree with \$500. and the wife was given a decree with \$50 dangered. a month alimony

#### TANNER NOT A CANDIDATE. Does Not Want to Be Renominated

for Governor. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-Governor Tanner announced last night to the Republican ants be released on collateral.

Attorney Carrington stated that his elient Prosise was ready for trial, but in orflowing order regarding the attendance of leaders gathered in conference at Springfield that he had not been a candidate for the governorship since the time he entered his present office and was not a candidate for re-election.
It is now probable that Judge Elbridge Hancey, of Chicago, will be the head of the Republican State ticket in 1009.

# WILL EXCHANGE COURTS.

place Each Other. dent Bekinley.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—'If President McKinley will decide on anything like Kimball, of the District branch of the Poressonable terms for the surrender of lice Court, and Judge Scott, of the United limits in the other third interest. This partnership, it is said, was established by purchase and transfer from Moylan has the other third interest. This partnership, it is said, was established by purchase and transfer from Moylan has the other third interest. This partnership, it is said, was established by purchase and transfer from Moylan has the other third interest.

nature of the cases brought before them are entirely different.

In the lower court room where the charges of disorderly conduct and cases of minor importance are disposed of the work has been much heavier than in the upper court, and the change has been agreed upon by the judges for the purpeas of giving each an opportunity to deal with a different class of criminals, and also for the purpeas of making the sources of making the sources of making the sources of making the sources of works. the purpose of making the work of each judge more equable throughout the term. About 4 o'clock With the exception of the change contem-

# will remain the same.

WILLIAM LEE'S TRIAL. Contradictory Testimony Given by

The trial of William H. Lee, a colored pool and billiard-room proprietor, who is charged with conducting a disorderly resort, was commenced today. Several witnesses for the defence were placed on the stand and testified to the respectability of the house; the number and names of the occupants before the raid in November by Sergeant McNeely and a

November by Sergeant McNeely and a squad of policeman, and a general description of the manner in which the defendant onducted his business at 225 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest.

A number of contradictions occurred in the testimony when cross-examined by Prosecuting Attorney Mulloway. The testimony limony of the Government witnesses was concluded late in the afternoon. Their tes-timony went to substantiate the charge preferred against Lee, but varied somecharge

# what upon cross-examination,

Paupers Sold as Slaves. WATKINS, N. Y., Dec. 29.-An inspec or has reported to the State board of charities that Schuyler county has no county almshouse and its dependent poor are farmed out to the lowest bidder, receiving treatment in many cases cruel and

Only the houses of the very poor them-

elves are open to these county charges, so

that the poor themselves are caring for

poor. In many cases the charges soused in unhealthy quarters, given quarters. nedical attention and made to do the hardest labor. A Notorious Counterfeiter Caught. Chief Wilkie, of the United States S:eret Service, has received information from the Secret Service agent at San Francisco of the capture and arrest of A. Guadello. alias Lustavo. Guadello was caught in the arrested yesterday on C Street by Detectives Parham and Gallagher upon a warrant full set of counterfeit tools and a large quantity of spurious coin. Guadello had only been discharged from prison after serving a ten-years' sentence for the sam crime.

A New Carpenter of the House. One of the most remunerative minor offices of the House of Representatives is hat of House carpenter, held for four years by a son of former Congressma Brumm of Minersville, Pa. Now that Brumm is out of Congress, Republicans from other States demand that his son be removed. The carpenter is paid by the ob, and it is said incumbents have drawn as much as \$7,000 in a year from the con-

# AN AFFRAY IN A HOTEL

A Serious Early Morning Affair at the Owen House.

Business Alterention Culminates in a Fight-Logan Prosise and Blake Talty the Injured Parties. The Participants Arraigned in the Police Court and Held for Trial.

The Owen House in Pennsylvania Avenue, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets northwest, was the scene of a bloody encounter early this morning. Seven principals representing two factions engrazing land for stock, which could be kept even through winters of that country. He said that in the spring efforts paris. As a result of the fight two men parts. As a result of the fight two men were seriously injured. Logan Prosise, a carpenter thirty years of age, has a bullet wound in the back of his head, and Blake Secretary Root also reported on the Taity, a civil engineer, in the employ of the District Government, has an ugly gash as Military Governor of Cuba. He said extending from the right side of his recent extending from the right side of his nose across the left cheek just under the eye. flicted by a builet from the revolver in the hands of Thomas Le Cuyer, one of the proprietors of the hotel. Both injured men received treatment at the Emergency Hospital. Neither is in a dangerous con-SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.-The wife of dition, although Talty will probably be Albert Sidney Johnson, of Galveston, Tex., permanently disfigured. It required thir-

teen stitches to close his wound. The others, said to have been engag d one hour and twenty minutes after the pa- in the alterestion, included John J. Moylan, former proprietor of the Owen House; Mrs. Johnson obtained the decree on the | Henry A. Lehman, who now operates the ground of cruelty, but the custody of the hotel in connection with Le Cryer; F. A. thirteen-year-old son was given to the hus- Salaman, a promoter, and a guest of the

Prosies was also looked after by Attor-ney Carrington.

When the case was called before Judge Scott Attorney Forrest denurred to a trial today, stating that his clients were not ready to proceed. He asked that a continuance be granted and that the defendder that all cases might be heard at one

time Judge Scott set tomorrow morning as the date for a hearing. Le Cuyer fur-

mished \$300 bond for his appearance, while Prosise and Lehman furnished \$25 and \$20 collateral respectively. Talty was released on \$10 collateral. The trouble that led up to the altercation is said to have been of long standing. According to statements made by Le Cuyer and Lebman, they are two-third owners of the business at the Owen House. A sisther claimed that at the time of the trans-

judge more equable throughout the term. About 4 o'clock this morning the trouble With the exception of the change contemberation began. Presise who, it is alleged, had plated the personnel of the court rooms been employed by Moylan and who had been at the hotel all night began his task of entiting up doors. This Moylan admits, but claims that Le Cuyer and Lehman were similarly engaged. Movian also admits that he ordered the pulley of the ele-vator blocked so that the car could not be operated. That he says was done to protect his rights against Le Cuyer and Lehman, who, he claims, are employed by him as bartenders. It appears that on the oceasion of the former trouble when the doors had been barred Lehman gained ac-

by means of the elevator. Just who precipitated the altreal in this morning is not known, as versions of the affair differ. It is a certainty, however, that seven persons met on a low ? stairway landing of the home, and that fierce fight ensued. Talty was struck the face with a hatchet, it is said, by Pr sise. They grappled and as they struggled for possession of the wapon. Le Cuyer is said to have used his revolver. The builet struck Prosise in the back of the head and glancing imbedded its If in the wall. The wound inflicted was slight

Cuyer claims that he fired believing Ta-ty's life to be in danger.

Either just before the shooting or immediately after it, when the fight appears to have become general. Salaman was struck several times. He claims that Lebman and Wells were his assailants. He was roughly handled, and expressed himself as being sorry that he had taken part in the affair. His presence on the landing at the time of the fight, he said, was due to a request for it made by Moylan at an earlier hour. Moylan had told him, Salaman claims that the was going to be trouble, and that help would be needed.

The pistol shot and the general noise of

the melee attracted Policeman Hodges, who was soon on the scene. He sounded a distress call which brought Policemen Murphy, Warren, and Purks to his assist-ance. Talty and Prosise were removed to the hospital for treatment, while Le Cuyer, Lehman, and Wells were taken to No. 1 station. After receiving treatment Talty and Prosise were also taken into custody. Le Cuyer and Lehman stated this morning that Moylan did not own the Owen House or the lease for it. They claim to be the owners and state that the liquor license is in their name. They say Moylan has been attempting to get of them for some time because of their reusal to retransfer the property to him by sale. Moylan admits that the license is in the name of Le Cuyer and Lehman, but, it is said, claims that was a ruse reorted to by him when he was refused a

Captain Rearick Retired. An order was issued by the Navy Department today retiring Capt, Peter A. Rearick, February 17, 1900, with the rank of rear admiral, junior grade. Captais Rearick is well known in Washington, bave

ing recided here for many years.